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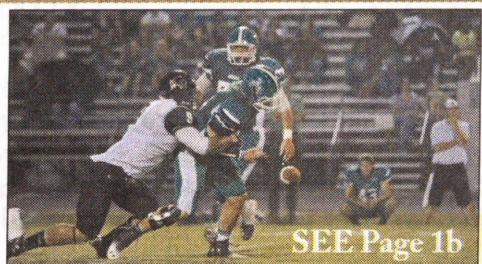


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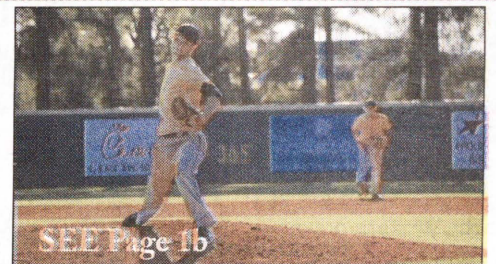
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Starbucks to open this Saturday



Starbucks baristas gather in the new location in Legacy Park on Tuesday night for training and preparation. The coffee shop opens tomorrow night.

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Annual Bible Lectureship begins this weekend

by ASHLEY HEASTIE
student writer

Harding University's 89th Annual Bible Lectureship will be taking place from Sept. 30 to Oct. 3.

Bruce McLarty, lectureship director for the past two years, said he has attended lectureship for the past 20 years and is looking forward to this year. He compared lectureship to a big family reunion.

According to McLarty the theme for this year's lectureship will be the book of Joshua.

"Our faculty and guests will be studying this book and really get a feel on what it's about and how they can apply it to their lives," McLarty said.

McLarty said there will be keynote speakers from Harding every night and the classes will cover mostly general topics of

interest to churches.

"There are classes that are based on Joshua that go from cradle roll all the way to adult classes and to the pulpit," McLarty said.

I look forward to broadening my horizons. I feel that the lectureship will be a success and I will grow from it.

-Bailey Tubbs, sophomore

Sophomore Bailey Tubbs said she will be attending as many of the lectures as she can. Tubbs said she is taking an Old Testament class and is required to give a summary of each lecture.

"I look forward to broadening my horizons," Tubbs said. "I feel that the lectureship will be a success and that I will grow from it."

Some of the keynote speakers will be Dr. Monte Cox, Dr. Scott Adair, Dr. Phil Thompson, Dr. Dale Manor, Dr. Cliff Ganus, Jr., Dr. Eddie Randolph and Nathan Guy.

In addition, there will be programs specifically designed for women.

Keynote lectures and most musical presentations will be in the Benson Auditorium or the Administration Auditorium.

Classes will be located in the McInteer Bible and World Missions Center, Cone Chapel, Heritage 208, 209 and Student Center 236.

Registration starts at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30 at Lectureship Central in the McInteer Rotunda. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday classes begin each day at 8:45 a.m.

Global turmoil

Tensions escalate in Middle East, college bomb threats pour in

by LYNDSLEY RUBLE
editor-in-chief

Recent headlines throughout the month of September have included several university bomb threats, the murder of the American ambassador to Libya on the anniversary of Sept. 11 and the escalation of Middle Eastern conflicts.

Based on statements at a United Nations meeting on Monday, it is evident the conflict between Iran and Israel is coming to a head.

"We don't even count them as any part of any equation for Iran," said Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to the UN general assembly. "During a historical phase, (the Israelis) represent minimal disturbances that come into the picture and are then eliminated."

Conflict between the Middle East and the West dates back to year 711 A.D. Most recently, Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi warned the U.S. in interviews on Monday "that its promotion of Israeli interests ahead of Palestinian independence has fostered deep anti-American sentiment across the Arab World."

After the murder of the American ambassador in Libya, several commentators, including journalist Victor Davis Hanson, have said that the attacks were purposefully anti-American – a celebration of the anniversary of 9/11.

In an August news cast from the Middle East, an Egyptian professor of political science spoke to a TV news anchor from Al-Alam TV in Iran about the Middle Eastern conflict. His views mirrored those of Ahmadinejad.

He said Israel will be wiped off the map by next year. Both Obama and Romney have in-

dictated that the U.S. will stay aligned with Israel.

News from the Middle East was interrupted throughout the month with university bomb threats in Nebraska, Texas, Louisiana, Ohio and Arkansas. At University of Texas at Austin, the caller that issued the bomb threat was said to have spoken in a Middle Eastern accent.

Jeremi Suri, University of Texas professor and Distinguished Chair of Leadership in Global Affairs, said in an interview with Austin news station KVUE that the threats were probably not tied to militant Islamic organizations. Instead, Suri said that the person who issued the threat "was in some ways motivated by what happened there and that the threat was taken more seriously because of what was happening over there."

Harding Public Safety recently released a document that detailed response plans to emergencies such as bomb threats. The document also has a bomb threat check-list and evacuation procedures for specific areas of campus. Later this semester, the Emergency Management Committee hopes to begin an on-line training program for faculty and staff.

Professor of Business Steve Williams said he keeps up with world news and tries to inform his students of current events and encourage them to think deeply about the implications of the events.

"I would encourage everyone to remember that one leg of Harding's mission statement is to promote citizenship within a global perspective," Williams said. "That includes an understanding of and a respect for other cultures. ... I have a responsibility as a professor here to help students to understand world conditions."

Co-creator of 'Doug' shares insight, seeks fund-raising help

by LEXI STUTZMAN
news editor

Joe Aaron, co-creator of the Nickelodeon cartoon "Doug," and Harding graduate hosted a free screenwriting workshop for students on Saturday, Sept. 22, in the Reynolds Recital Hall.

Aaron said his goal for the workshop was to "demystify" the filmmaking process for students. Senior Amy Morris was one of 63 people who attended the workshop. She said Aaron breezed through in a matter of hours what would have taken a semester anywhere else.

"He gave us the important gist of the writing process," Morris

said. "And great tips like write what you don't know but what you want to understand."

Aaron has spent the last week on campus encouraging Harding students to get involved with his new movie to be filmed in Little Rock called "Guttersnipes." Aaron spoke in chapel on Thursday, asking students to donate whatever small amount they can to the film's fund-raising site, Kickstarter.com, and to spread support for the movie through social media.

"Guttersnipes" is about a homeless teen who meets an abandoned autistic girl. The story follows the relationship that develops between the two girls. Aaron said that while the story

was inspired by his relationship with his 20-year-old daughter who has autism, it is not necessarily an "autism story."

I kind of thought Harding raised me. ... That's why when people ask me where I'm from, I say Searcy. This is where I call home.

-Joe Aaron, co-creator of "Doug"

"It's two girls and it's like they don't speak the same language," Aaron said. "But they've got a hard situation, they have to eat every day to survive the night and one has to be responsible

for the other. I just want it to be about the relationship. It's the figuring it out that's at the heart of the story."

Dylan Treadwell is one of ten Harding public relations interns helping Aaron raise the \$75,000 necessary to create the movie. Treadwell said it is important to him that the movie is made, because of its lesson of compassion for those who are different than you.

"I have a little sister with autism," Treadwell said. "If more people had been aware of what my family and I had to struggle through as well as how my sister interacts with her world, it would have made things a lot easier."

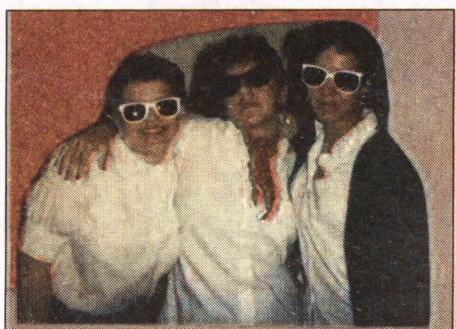
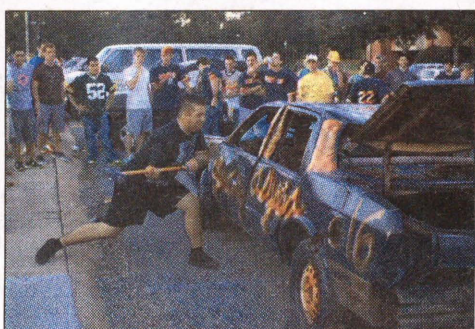
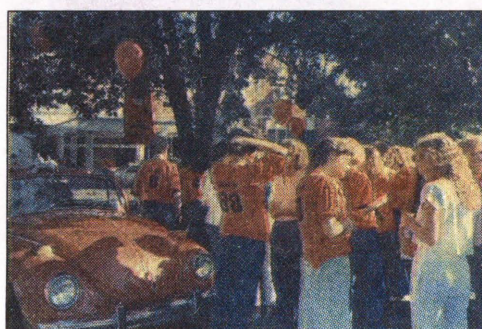
Aaron said he decided to bring

his campaign to Harding because of the sense of familiarity he feels with the Harding community. Aaron, who moved to Searcy as a child shortly after his father's death, said Harding played a unique role in his adolescence.

"I kind of thought Harding raised me," Aaron said. "It was kind of my other parent ... I never felt abandoned really because I always felt like 'because I'm here, it will work out,' that's why when people ask me where I'm from, I say Searcy. This is where I call home."

To learn more about "Guttersnipes" or make a donation to the film's production, visit guttersnipesfilm.com.

photo roundup: club mixers through the years



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BEYOND THE BUBBLE

NEW YORK - Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad accused the Western powers of intimidation through nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction at the United Nations General Assembly held Wednesday Sept. 26. Earlier in the week Ahmadinejad created controversy after stating that Israel has "no roots" in the Middle East.

SAN FRANCISCO - The University of California is offering to pay a settled \$30,000 to each of the 21 students who were pepper-sprayed by a campus officer during a protest on the University's Davis campus last November. Video footage showing the officer spraying the students at close range went viral last year stirring up criticism of the officer and school authorities.

Information from CNN.com

LivingStone opens doors in Uganda

Mission team turns goal of founding university into reality

by AERIAL WHITING
opinions editor

In January 2002, a missionary team in Uganda had the vision to open a Christian university. Ten years later, the missionary team realized its dream as LivingStone International University opened its doors in Mbale, Uganda.

Meeting temporarily at the Messiah Theological Institute in town, the school enrolled 32 students as its first class in January of this year. The university offers degree programs in communications and media technology, information technology, business administration and Christian ministry to fulfill its stated mission of "saturating every sector of African society with ethical, empowered, employable Christians."

The school admitted its second class of students

this month.

According to Interim Vice Chancellor Phillip Shero, a Harding alumnus, the Churches of Christ have focused their missionary involvement in Uganda in rural areas, and their ministry encompasses nearly 500 churches and more than 20,000 believers. Shero said his mission team wanted to reach those in rural areas and to equip those who will be able to "affect the trajectory of the culture or the society" to be leaders.

"It's kind of like the difference between Peter and Paul," Shero said. "Peter was a fisherman and he was filled with the Spirit and very effective, but it was Paul who could... go before leaders and talk to philosophers on Mars Hill. We need educated people as well as the grassroots people. We see the university as providing leverage for Christians to get

into positions of influence in education, in health care, in business, in government, in law, and be able to be salt and light, to be leaven that changes the course of the whole society."

Uganda has the world's youngest population, but there are not enough universities to accommodate all of the students, so LIU is helping to fill this need, Executive Director Craig Smith said.

Already recognized as a leader in technology by the government and local newspapers, the school provides each student with a Kindle Touch and has a 1 to 1 computer-to-student ratio. LivingStone International has already achieved academic accreditation in East Africa and is working toward U.S. accreditation.

The students have devotionals, daily chapel and Bible classes. Shero said the students have taken on

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leadership roles in these areas almost since the school's beginning.

Smith, who works at LivingStone University Partners, the U.S. administrative arm of LIU based in Fort Worth, Texas, visited the school in June. He said the students are doing very well there.

"It was really an inspiration to me to see what God is doing in their lives," Smith said. "The chapel service was vibrant, full of energy. The students were talking about how much they had learned academically. I talked to the professors about how much progress they had made in one semester ... the progress

in their writing, their critical thinking."

According to Smith and Shero, the administration of LivingStone International is trying to anticipate which fields of study will be most needful in Uganda so that it can expand its degree offerings. Some of the fields under consideration are education, health care and agriculture.

Smith said it is uncertain when the permanent location for LivingStone International will be constructed and that it will depend on the school's growth and its ability to be self-sustaining.

For more information visit livingstoneuniversity.org.

Spring Sing '13 hosts and hostesses celebrate roles



photo by ASHEL PARSONS | Student Publications

The newly selected Spring Sing hosts and hostesses from left: senior Benji Holder, junior Tori Wisely, freshman Jonathan Andrew, junior Lindsey Sloan and sophomore Austin Collum, pass the time together outside of the Reynolds Center.

by KASEY COBLE
asst. copy editor

Although Spring Sing is still months away, the roles have been filled for this year's hosts and hostesses. Last Tuesday, senior Benji Holder, juniors Tori Wisely and Lindsey Sloan, sophomore Austin Collum and freshman Jonathan Andrew were selected.

Selections were made following open auditions and then callbacks. A list was posted once the hosts and hostesses had been determined, allowing those who tried out to find out on their own time.

When Collum went to see the list, Holder and Sloan were there as well, giving them the opportunity to celebrate together.

"We just started screaming and jumping together," Collum said. "A few teachers came out of their classrooms telling us to 'shh.'"

Wisely, on the other hand, said she did not check the lists at all out of fear she would she would "jinx it". She did not find out she had won the role until a girl congratulated her while she was working the front desk in Searcy Hall.

Both Collum and Wisely expressed excitement about working with the other hosts and hostesses. All five of them are currently practicing for the production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor

Dream Coat, which has already made the group close.

"We were all friends before, and everyone is so funny," Wisely said. "I think it will be a really dynamic group."

"It's kind of awesome because we all already know each other," Collum said. "It's like hosting with your best friends."

Wisely said having been a hostess her freshman year, she was even more nervous trying out this time because of the pressure to perform as well as she had before.

"I didn't want people thinking I had gotten worse or that last time was just a fluke if I didn't get it again," Wisely said.

In addition to hosting Spring Sing her freshman year, Wisely was in the homecoming musical that year and is the narrator in Joseph, which is the lead women's role. Collum was in Spring Sing ensemble last year and is playing Simeon in Joseph, which he said is basically like a being a member of the ensemble.

All five hosts and hostesses will attend a retreat over fall break to get to know one another and continue to click as a group. While there, they will be talking about the show and listening to music to help them choose the songs for their performances.

Official practices for the hosts and hostesses begin in January.

5Ks, Color Runs and more — students ready for races

by HANNAH ROBISON
student writer

Whether for recreation or competition, running is a popular hobby among Harding students. This fall a number of organizations throughout Arkansas will host races for various causes.

Searcy held its first 5K on Sept. 15 with Searcy's second annual Chili's 5Queso run. Participants were able to walk/run this 5K in downtown Searcy and proceeds supported St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Senior Laura Chambers spent her morning at the race.

"To me it's not a good way to exercise and physically

use your body for what God created it to do, but it's also a great way to serve others," Chambers said.

The event was Chambers' first 5K and she is currently training for a half marathon. She said the race helped her get a feel for competing against others, herself and her time.

Upcoming local and statewide races will also be occurring throughout the semester. The third annual Micah Rine Wildcat Legacy race will be held Saturday, Oct. 6 at 8 a.m., beginning at Harding Academy. The event consists of both a 1K and 5K walk/run and proceeds will benefit the Micah Rine Wellness Room at Harding Academy.

The annual Bison Stampede 5K Run will be held during homecoming weekend on Oct. 27. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in front of the student center.

Senior Kendra Isenberg ran in the stampede last fall and plans to do so again this year.

"It's a good time in the fall," Isenberg said. "There weren't too many people and not too few, so it was fun."

On the state level, both the Race for the Cure and The Color Run will be held at the state's capital this fall.

The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in downtown Little Rock and North Little Rock is the world's largest series of 5K runs/fitness walks, according to

its website. The event raises funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer.

"[Race for the Cure] is really cool, because there are two different emotions," junior Jill Baber said. "You have the fun, exciting emotion, because you have people cheering you on, but then you have thousands of people who are there with names on their backs, supporting someone or remembering someone that they lost."

Baber has participated in Race for the Cure three times and strongly supports the event, having lost loved ones to breast cancer and knowing women who have survived from the disease.

"You want to keep doing

it because you want to see a cure," Baber said.

Partnering with Little Rock Parks and Recreation, The Color Run will be held at the city's Riverfront Park at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10. According to its website, the goal of this run is for participants to focus on the

experience more than the competition.

Runners wear white shirts and each kilometer of the event is associated with a designated color; yellow, orange, pink or blue. By the end of the three-mile run participants are covered in color from head to toe.

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CAMPUS-WIDE

Sept. 28-29 — Family Weekend

Sept. 29 — Football game vs. East Central University at 6 p.m. (home)

Sept. 30-Oct. 3 — 89th Annual Bible Lectureship: "Faith for a New Place & Time: Studies in the Book of Joshua"

Oct. 2 — Women's tennis vs. Hendrix College at 3:30 p.m. (home)

Women's volleyball vs. Henderson State University at 7 p.m. (home)

Oct. 4 — Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and String Quartet at 7 p.m. in the Reynolds Recital Hall

Oct. 5 — Fall break
Lyceum: Ron Radford at 7 p.m.

Oct. 8-12 — Midterm exams

Down in the South

kasey coble



staff
space

Growing up, I never put much thought into how various regions of the country were different from one another. I grew up in Wichita, Kan., and in St. Joseph, Mo., which are both considered to be part of the Midwest. I felt like the way everyone dressed, the things we did and our way of life was fairly similar to everyone else's. Never did I think I was missing out until I came to the South.

The first thing I noticed here was the way people dressed. Granted, the town I lived in was kind of small, so we didn't have a lot of things to dress up for or many places to shop, but the definition of "looking nice" was totally different.

When my guy friends in high school were going to

an event, looking nice meant a pair of cargo shorts and a Hollister graphic T-shirt — it was even a stretch for them to wear Abercrombie. At Harding, and in the South in general, boys wear nice khaki shorts and dress shirts on a regular basis. That has been a nice change for me.

Beyond noticing how other people were different, I felt everyone noticed I was different, too. It was like everyone else always knew what people were referring to except for me. I had never had a glass of sweet tea before, and most people were beside themselves trying to wrap their minds around that. I had my first taste of it at McAlister's and have been addicted ever since.

It seemed like everyone and their mother, literally, had vacation in Destin, Fla., a place that I couldn't even point out on a map. As it turned out, I went to Destin with some friends for my first spring break, and now I wish my family had gone there while I was growing up, too.

While my style has drastically changed since I arrived

freshman year, and I have slowly let the word "y'all" creep into my vocabulary, the one thing I will never budge on is using the word "pop."

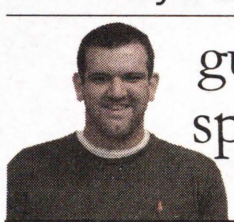
I have gotten into my share of arguments with people from various states about whether the correct term is soda, pop, Coke or even soda pop. I have come to find that it is my biggest issue with people from the South — you cannot refer to all pop as Coke. Coke is one drink. There are not different kinds of Coke, unless you are referring to diet or regular. So Southern people take note: On this, you are wrong, and as many things as I have compromised on, I just cannot comply.

Now don't get me wrong, I loved growing up in the Midwest, and there are things I did there that I will never stop doing or habits I formed that I will never break, but I am slowly becoming more like a Southern girl and am proud of it.

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Work for Greener Grass

kyle reeves



guest
space

Sure, I'll be the first to admit it. I'm an incredibly jealous guy. The new iPhone? Yes, I want one. The new shirt you bought in Little Rock last weekend? I just know it would look awesome on me too. And please, don't even get me started on the 2013 Dodge Charger SXT that's sitting in the showroom. If I just had those things, life would probably be too perfect, wouldn't it?

I was raised to expect nothing less than the best from myself, but somewhere in my life, that turned into nothing less than the best for myself. Somewhere in there, the thought came into my head that the things I want will just be handed to me. Each passing day it becomes more and more apparent to me that nothing in this life will ever come free.

The past few summers I have had the privilege of working a landscaping job and if I've learned any one thing from that job, it's that

the grass is truly greener where it's been taken care of and worked on. I am realizing that the same can be said of life itself. Perhaps if you aren't so satisfied with what you have, it's time for you to get to work.

I have always been a "grass is greener on the other side" kind of person. I have always looked at the fortunes and successes of others and wished I could have them, and really, is that a bad quality to have? If you were to ask me, I would have to say no. But it turns from a good quality to a bad one when you begin to forget about "your own yard," so to speak: when you start to neglect all the things you have.

I am an incredibly blessed guy. Among other things, I have a smartphone that works well for me and plenty of clothes piled away in my dorm room that are (at least in my own opinion) reasonably fashionable. I drive a reliable 2007 Toyota Camry that runs fine and gets me from place to place as well as I could ever hope a car could. Probably most important of all these things, I have a fantastically supportive family and some of the greatest friends I could ever hope for. When I step back to look at all of the blessings

in my life, I can see that I am an incredibly lucky person.

Despite all of the luck and the blessings that have been bestowed in my life, there is still that desire and that ambition for bigger, brighter and flashier things in my life. I'll always want the best things for myself, and that's where there has to be a change in mindset. I constantly ask myself, "How can I achieve these things?" and maybe after 15 years of school, I've finally found the simple one-word answer: work.

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So maybe what it boils down to is that the grass might be a little greener on the other side, but in the end, it will always be greener where it has been worked on.

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Happiness
Is ...



A Thankful Heart

When I was little, I saw only a few episodes of "VeggieTales," but I thought they were fantastic. One of my favorite stories was "Madame Blueberry." It was the only episode my family ever owned, and my mom still pops it in our VCR from time to time for her day care kids, and I sit and sing along with them.

In case you have not VeggieTaled in a while, let me brush you up on Madame Blueberry: She's a reasonably well-off French lady who lives in a comfortable house in a tree, attended by her faithful cucumber, Larry, and tomato, Bob. Sadly, she is very discontented, but to her delight, some representatives from the new Stuff Mart superstore down the street knock on her door and inform her that she will be happier if she acquires more stuff. With this poor advice in mind, she purchases cart upon cart of new household items from Stuff Mart, filling her home to the point that it slips out of its tree and plummets into a lake. Fortunately, Madame Blueberry learns from this experience that happiness is not a massive spending binge.

Amid Madame Blueberry's disastrous retail therapy, an asparagus family buys just one ball from the Stuff Mart and then enjoys a simple picnic in the park. During their meal, Junior Asparagus breaks out into what I think is the most precious song in the show. The chorus goes, "Because a thankful heart is a happy heart. I'm glad for what I have; that's an easy way to start. For the love that we share, because He listens to my prayers, that's why I say thanks every day."

Dear friends, we need to have a heart like Junior Asparagus'. It is easy to spend our college years wishing for the things we hope will come, such as marriage and a fulfilling career, at the expense of recognizing and thanking God for the blessings we have now. We might also wish we had more money to spend on clothes at McCain Mall in Little Rock or on video games at Hastings, but the temporary satisfaction the acquisition of these new things brings cannot compare with the peace and contentment that come from being grateful for what we already have.

Scripture is filled with the idea of thankfulness. "Thankful," "thankfulness" and "thanks" occur successively in Colossians 3:15-17, almost like a refrain for the passage. When Paul said we should not be anxious about anything but should instead pray about everything, he said we need to do so with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6). And just as we are supposed to always rejoice in the Lord, we are called to "give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, English Standard Version).

And we have so much to be thankful for. I personally am grateful for my education at Harding, my church family, my family at home, my social club, my job and my friends. I am thankful for the people I have been privileged to meet this semester, and I am thankful for the people who have patiently borne with me as I strive to wrap up my senior year.

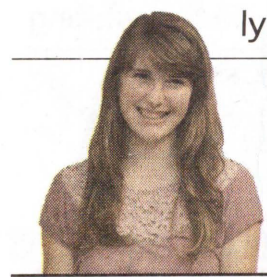
There are many things we can thank God for: our health, our transportation, our homes, our country, our food, our scholarships. Most importantly, we can thank God for His Son and for the salvation He graciously offers.

I still have a lot of room for growth in the area of thankfulness, but I hope I will become more and more like Junior Asparagus in this regard — because happiness is a thankful heart.

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Moral of the Story



Break Out of the HU Bubble

Politics is a dirty game. People cheat, lie and wait for the opportunity to trash-talk anyone who might disagree with them. With so much scrutiny, it's nearly impossible for a politician not to mess up. In this election cycle though, it seems that Mitt Romney is messing up a little more than the average politician.

Romney pledged in May to do nothing regarding the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, despite the issue's absolute need for attention. In making these statements, Romney seems out of touch and ignorant of facts that seem self-evident to the rest of the country. He is very knowledgeable in his sphere of influence, but it seems he knows almost nothing outside of this bubble.

Every other politician messes up and says things that seem out of touch. In fact, just the other day President Barack Obama was asked about the national debt figure and couldn't respond. The purpose of this article is not to bash Romney in any regard. It is simply to point out the fact that he and Harding students seem to have the same problem — we're embarrassingly unaware of what goes on outside of our respective bubbles.

For most of us, moving out of our parents' homes and into a dorm in college was our first true taste of freedom. We have painted a picture of the real world based on what we have observed in college. For us, that reality means being surrounded by Church of Christ Christians, rarely hearing swear words and immersing ourselves in a culture that often shies away from controversy and difficulty. The phrase "the Harding bubble" is popular for a reason: We're shut off and, often, that makes us seem ignorant.

No matter how wonderful Harding is, it's not the real world. We need to know what is going on in our world, whether those things are beautiful or awful. We need to understand that there are people with whom we will be expected to interact and work even though they are vastly different from us. An honest and open-minded view of the world is necessary for our lives after we graduate.

At a fundraiser in May, Romney stated that 47 percent of Americans don't pay income tax, believe they are victims and are entitled to government assistance. That percentage figure includes elderly and disabled people, but Romney said, "My job is not to worry about those people."

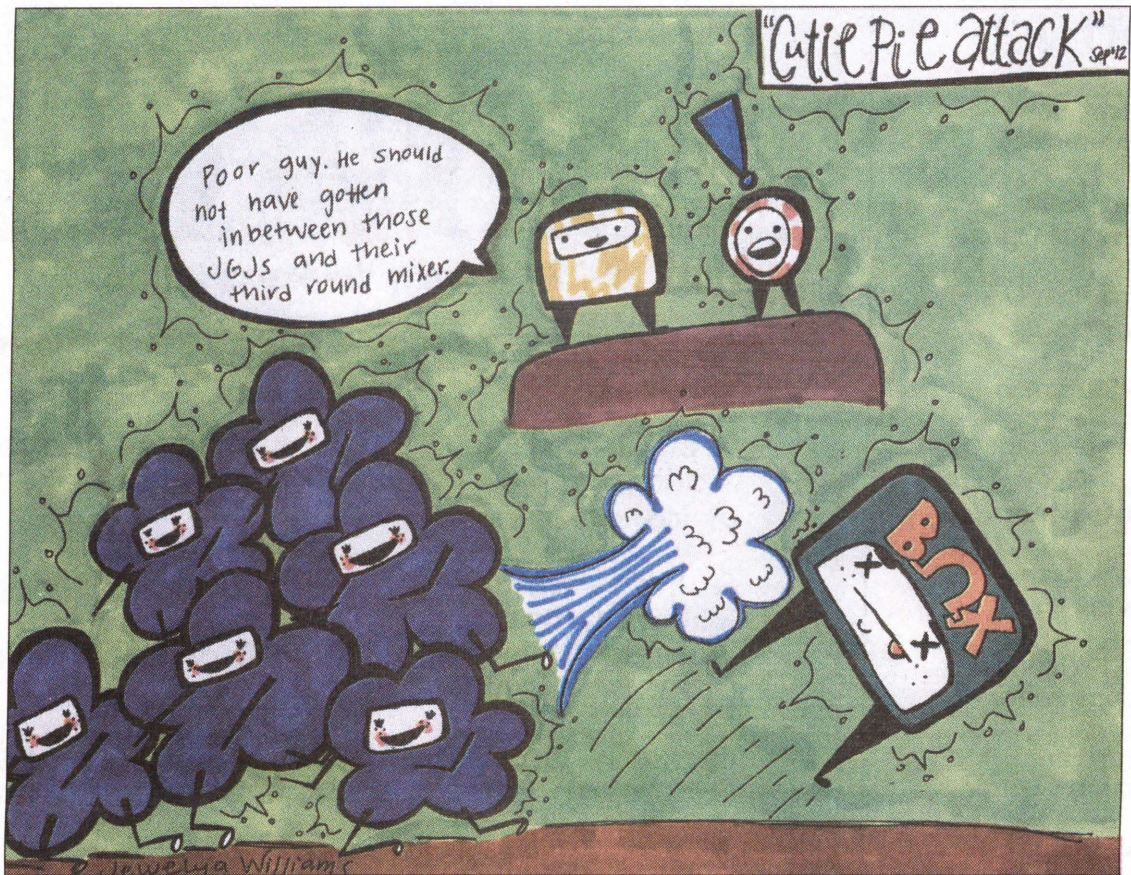
Romney also said a few weeks ago that the middle class extends to an annual income of \$250,000. In reality, the average annual income is \$50,000.

As a presidential nominee, Romney has an obligation to take into account the situations of every different American. People don't make \$250,000 a year in the middle class, and elderly people don't believe they are victims who are entitled to assistance. To say so is ignorant, out of touch and embarrassing.

Just as a presidential nominee has obligations, we have a responsibility as educated American citizens to understand the implications of a flawed and troubled world. To pretend that global crises aren't an issue or to judge anyone who is any different from us in our moral scope is ignorant, out of touch and embarrassing.

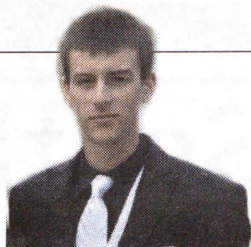
Moral of the story: Do not get caught in the Harding bubble. Take Romney's mistakes into account and learn about the world outside of whatever bubble you've lived in. How can we truly reach and help those in need if we have no idea about life outside of our small, sheltered world?

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Should the US Cut Its Losses in Libya?

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guest space

As many of you may have heard by now, on Sept. 11, 2012, U.S. Ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens was killed after the Benghazi consulate was attacked during a mass protest throughout Libya and Cairo. These mass protests are thought to have been caused by a film trailer for "The Innocence of Muslims," a film that mocks the Islamic religion and even the Prophet Muhammad.

The reason for the direct attack of the consulate is not yet certain. The Libyan government claims that the attacks were being planned for months by Islamic extremists. Susan Rice, U.S. ambassador to the U.N., however, believes that the attacks were not planned but simply a part of the protest as a whole.

Now, this leads to the big question: Should the U.S. continue to support Libya and try to reform the country,

or should it cut its losses and leave for good?

In the early 1950s the United States supported the U.N. resolution that provided Libya with independence. However, over the past 60 years there have been obstacles that have strained those relations.

Just last summer the United States helped rebel groups in Tripoli, Libya, take out Muammar Gaddafi and help establish a more efficient government. And then this: the attack and death of a United States ambassador and his staff members. The Libyan government said it was a planned attack.

I believe if the Libyan government had this information, then it must have a lot more. Specifically, who caused the attack. Was it just rioters in the street, or was it Islamic extremist groups tied to al-Qaida or the Muslim Brotherhood?

So where do we go from here? Do we continue to send money and help to a country that obviously doesn't want us there? Or is it time that we stop playing this police-power role and start worrying more about the problems on the home front?

My opinion is that we need to leave Libya immediately. First of all, by leaving

Libya we are freeing up a lot of money that could be spent in other countries that we are actually fighting in, such as Afghanistan.

Secondly, we could bring that money back into our own country and help rekindle our own economy; it wouldn't help much, but it is a start.

We have done more than enough over the last 60 years to help finance Libya, and I think it is time to stop. There has been very little change, and every time we create a little change another dictator rises to power.

Also, it was recently released that the Libyan government, in an attempt to disarm the militants, decided to recruit them into the supporting security. In other words, they are hiring the same militants that reportedly killed the ambassador to work in their police force and establish a strong national government.

Overall, the United States needs to stop taking the role as the supreme police power and worry about the problems we face within our own borders.

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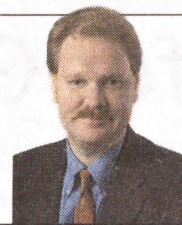
Just the Clax

That's a Wrap, Folks

I wasn't going to mention this, but a few years ago I went to a local salon and had my ears candled — for purely journalistic reasons, of course. At the time this was the latest thing. The purpose of ear candling, so I was told, is to remove wax build-up through a "non-invasive" process. So as I lay down on one side, a woman stuck a paper cone in my ear canal, set a timer and then lit the cone on fire. This was to soften and draw out the wax. I was wondering exactly how arson was "non-invasive," but as it turned out, I had little cause for fear. This trained professional put down her copy of Soap Opera Digest just before the flames reached my collar.

So, if you see some guy who looks like a Snickers bar running down Race Street with his eyebrows shedding and his ears on fire, don't call the police. Call instead for an appointment at 1-800-SPA-CLAX.

After repeating the treatment on the other ear, then came the dramatic reveal. She unrolled what was left of the burnt cone and handed me a magnifying glass so I could see the microbes of wax this blazing vortex had picked up. Not only could I barely see them, but I must confess that I could not hear any better after this experiment, either, which made it all the worse when the candelabra had to shout that I owed her \$20. It was, as my father might have said, "a big hoop-de-la over nothing." Even with my usual talent for stretching nonsense into 700 words, I couldn't get



michael claxton

a full column out of the experience.

But it all came to mind recently when a friend shared his adventures with having beauty treatments at European spas. He didn't say whether a tetanus shot was included, but it seems prudent, especially if you are going to get your eyebrows threaded. An Asian beauty technique that is apparently thousands of years old, eyebrow threading is now popular on the continent, which might help explain Europe's economic collapse. At any rate, the process for taming unwieldy eyebrows involves string instead of tweezers. The stylist will roll a thin cotton thread over the brow, removing unwanted hairs at the follicle level.

Wikipedia claims that this treatment can be "quick and painless." My friend agreed. "After I wiped the blood out of my eyes," he said, "I could see." The technical term for the procedure is "epilation," which is of course what you should write down on the insurance claim instead of "vanity torture." I'm told a person can even have his mustache threaded, but frankly I think I'd rather have mine candled. Or smeared with chocolate.

You think I'm kidding. My friend went on to describe another experience in a Turkish spa where he got a chocolate body wrap. This is the latest trend in upscale pampering. Chocolate — so

say the spa people who want your credit card number — is a marvelous exfoliant. According to the "Salon Chocolate" website, where a gallon drum of the stuff is \$120 plus shipping, smothering yourself in chocolate is a great way to "moisturize, detoxify and release endorphins in the skin." It is also a great way to smell like Augustus Gloop from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

So my friend was dipped in Hershey's syrup, wrapped in thin fabric and left to simmer on low heat for 30 to 35 minutes. By the way, if you plan to try this at home, I do not recommend using Smucker's Magic Shell, unless you want to lie on a bed of caramel pecans and make yourself into turtle candy. But for variety's sake, you could try the Neapolitan wrap, which involves dipping your head in vanilla and your feet in strawberries. Either way, it turns out better if you spray the massage table with non-stick canola oil first.

It's true that after the chocolate treatment your skin will indeed be soft and moist, in a Duncan Hines sort of way. But now I've come up with a scheme to combine all three procedures — wrapping, threading and candling — into a spa trifecta. I'm calling it the Fondue Follicle Flambe. So, if you see some guy who looks like a Snickers bar running down Race Street with his eyebrows shedding and his ears on fire, don't call the police. Call instead for an appointment at 1-800-SPA-CLAX.

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*Out
of left
field*

NFL hires blind zebras

"New NFL rule: You can catch the ball by catching the guy who caught the ball."
"Touchdownception."

"I have Russell Wilson and Golden Tate on my fantasy team, so clearly that was a touchdown."

NFL memes with these sayings and others like them filled my Facebook news feed for the first few days of this week, and rightfully so.

The replacement NFL referees' terrible call in the final eight seconds of the Seahawks-Packers game on Monday night cost the Packers the game and put them at 1-2 for the season.

For anyone who has not seen the play, the YouTube video of the clip already has almost 100 thousand views. As the clock runs down, Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson throws a 40-plus yard pass to a group of five Packers and two Seahawks.

The mass of players jumps up fighting to grab the ball and comes down in a heap. It is blatantly clear that Green Bay's M.D. Jennings has the ball, but when the pile of players is pulled apart, the referees somehow come to the conclusion that Golden Tate caught the pass.

And trust me, I wish I didn't have to say that the Packers should have won — they're the Bears' biggest rivals.

So as wrong as those referees were, I think the root of the problem sat with the NFL itself.

The league hired many replacement refs who had never officiated a game above the college level. They held up contract negotiations with the referee's union, going an entire month without even meeting to discuss ending the strike.

The core reason behind the strike was salary. There are a few other factors playing into it though, including pension and the amount of officials working each game.

On one hand, I want to say those officials on strike should have compromised and come back to the game sooner. If they really care about the sport it should be paining them to see that NFL officiating is proceeding to fall apart due to their absence and want to come back.

But the world doesn't work like that, and as much as I'm sure that pains them, the refs' bank accounts apparently feel the pain even more. So they waited. And waited.

And it took a play that stirred up an incredible amount of angry conversation for the league to realize that the referees are key players in the NFL, and their skills are worth their salaries. Or maybe it was the fact that even Obama filed a complaint.

But all the same, the replacement refs should have known what they were doing.

I mean, it was their job.

Volleyball holds their own in GAC

by MATT CHAFFIN
asst. sports editor

The Lady Bison volleyball team goes into tonight's match against the East Central Tigers with a 10-4 record on the year and a perfect 3-0 record in Great American Conference.

The team took big wins over conference rivals Arkansas Tech and Ouachita Baptist last week. On Tuesday, however, Harding fell to the University of Arkansas Fort Smith in a 3-1 match. Harding took the first set 25-20 but fell short in the next three.

The Lady Bisons are looking to recover from that loss tonight when they face East Central University at 7 p.m. Both ECU and Harding are currently undefeated in the GAC, but ECU has an overall record of 4-9.

"I'm excited about our game this Friday," sophomore outside hitter Marindia Turner said. "We're still looking to remain perfect in conference play and coming off of a tough loss [Tuesday] I think we have more motivation than ever to defeat East Central."

Junior outside hitter Mollie Arnold leads the Harding offensive attack, as she continues to average just short of four kills per set as well as being second on the team in digs for the 2012 season with 115.

Arnold's performance against Ouachita Baptist, when she racked up 17 kills, was just another day in the office as she lead the Bison attack to a win to remain undefeated in the GAC. In the game against Tech, she had 18 kills.

"It was amazing, it was," Arnold said. "It felt like it just broke the jinx or something like that that we had. It was a mental

thing with us and Tech, but winning that just made everything great."

Fellow junior middle blocker Alyssa Short was named the GAC defensive player of the week. She has been stepping up her play as she ranks second on the team in kills with more than two kills per set as well as leading the team in blocks with an average of 1.67 a set.

She had seven kills against Arkansas Tech and eight in the Lady Bisons' win over Ouachita Baptist.

Sophomore middle blocker Liv Savage has also been a major contributor as she hit the 100-kill mark last Thursday against Ouachita Baptist and had 11 kills in Harding's win against Arkansas Tech.

"I thought a lot about the positives and the excitement from the crowd," Savage said. "Everyone was getting so pumped up."

Head Volleyball Coach Meredith Fear has been very impressed with her team's resilience and clutch performance, especially when they need it most in the win last week against last year's regular season champions Arkansas Tech.

"We had a lot of heart and strappiness tonight. The offensive connection with our girls went away for awhile, but they came together and came through in the clutch when we needed big points."

The Lady Bisons' next three matches are in conference. The first two of these three are tonight against East Central University and tomorrow against Southeastern Oklahoma State University. After those two road games the team will come back to the Rhodes to play Henderson State University at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.



photo by JEFF MONTGOMERY | Harding Public Relations
Junior running back Colton Kamper lunges down the field at last Saturday's game against Southern Nazarene University. The Bisons won the game 42-13.

Football aims to stay perfect

by ALEXIS HOSTICKA
sports editor

For the first time since 2004, the Bison football team has started the season 3-0. The team has outscored their opponents 125-30, and tomorrow will face off against East Central University for the second conference game of the season.

"It's going to be a really tough game," Head Coach Ronnie Huckleba said. "East Central has one of the best defenses in Division II, not just in the GAC."

East Central has a record of 2-2 but has allowed an average of only 52.5 rushing yards per game from their opponents. The Bisons' defense is also strong this year, but their average allowed rushing yards is nearly twice that number.

"Our defense is going to go out there and play hard, and it's going to come down to who makes the least mistakes," Huckleba said.

"If the teams are evenly matched, then that's what it always ends up coming down to."

Senior quarterback Kelvin Martin has 283 passing yards for the season so far. Like Huckleba, Martin is expecting a difficult match up this weekend.

"We've had an uptempo week of practice," Martin said. "We know we're headed into a battle so we've been extremely focused on details."

Last weekend, Harding outscored Southern Nazarene University 42-13. The Bisons rushed for 446 yards, fifth-highest total in program history, on a school-record of 79 rushing attempts and scored five touchdowns on the ground.

Junior D'Nico Jackson-Best is the first player this season to rush for more than 100 yards in a game. He finished the Southern Nazarene game with 103 yards on 12 carries with two touchdowns. So far this season, in only three games,

We know we're headed into a battle.

- Kelvin Martin, senior

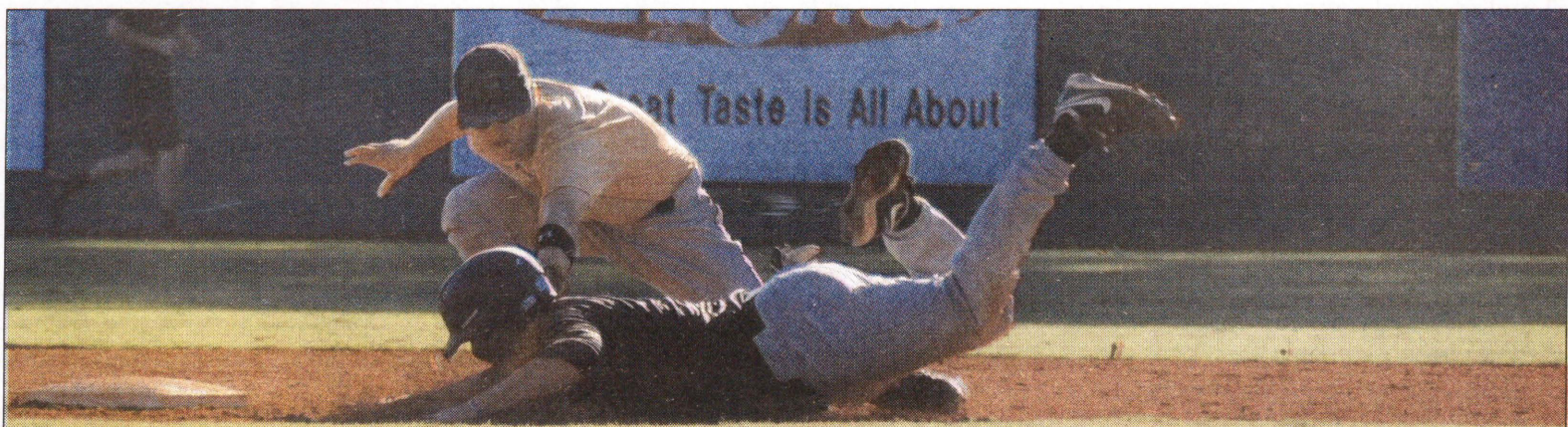
Harding has an incredible 1,157 yards gained rushing.

Despite these successes, Huckleba said everything about the football program is really what makes the team successful.

"I would have a hard time pinning [our success] down to one thing," Huckleba said. "Our offense, defense, and specialty teams are all doing great. This is a veteran team in a lot of spots, we have a lot of three year starters on defense, but we only have one senior starting on offense."

For this week, Huckleba is keeping focused on Saturday's game.

"I'm not going to let myself get distracted by other rivals; East Central is way too good a team for us to think about anyone but them right now," Huckleba said.



Bison baseball sliding into preseason

photo by ASHEL PARSONS | Student Publications

Bison baseball practices on Sept. 19 in preparation for their upcoming scrimmages. Tomorrow the Bisons face off against North Arkansas College in the first scrimmage of the preseason.

by AMY MARÉ
multimedia editor

The Bison baseball team has more than five months to wait until they begin their regular season, but the team has already begun preparing for this spring.

The team began practice Sept. 17 and has a 45-day window in which to practice 24 times, according to NCAA rules.

Tomorrow Harding will scrimmage against North Arkansas College at 10 a.m. and again on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 10 a.m. against Arkansas Baptist.

Head Coach Patrick McGaha said tomorrow's scrimmage against North Arkansas College will be a tough one, but it will help prepare the Bisons for the season.

"Traditionally NAC hits the ball very well," McGaha said. "It will be a good challenge for our pitchers

to face quality hitters. These fall games are truly scrimmage games, so you just have to use them as opportunities to evaluate your club, especially your new players, and not really worry about the outcome."

After coming off a less than perfect season, the team is working hard and trying to put the past behind them.

"Coming back from a disappointing season, the thing I look forward to most is showing people that last year was a fluke," senior third baseman Billy Ninemire said. "I look forward to earning respect from opposing teams and showing them that Harding baseball is a team to be reckoned with."

Although there were several reasons for the Bisons' struggles last season, the team is determined to start fresh this year.

"We had some key injuries last

season that derailed us and made for a long, frustrating season," McGaha said. "I am ready, as I know the guys are, for a fresh start and the chance to erase those bad memories."

The Bisons have a lot to look forward to after signing two new transfers. Junior outfielder Trent Wooldridge transferred from Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

"Playing for Harding this year is gonna be a pleasure," Wooldridge said. "I'm looking forward to watching our team develop over the next four months. I just hope I can come in and give the guys a spark come spring."

Along with Wooldridge, the Bisons also picked up redshirt freshman Zac Stewart from the University of Central Arkansas. Stewart is an outfielder as well as a pitcher.

McGaha said they have not gotten in as many practices as they would have hoped yet because of the weather, but what he has seen during conditioning and workouts has looked very encouraging.

"I think we have a chance to be a very good hitting club, and our defense will be very good, but our strength will be pitching," McGaha said. "This will be the deepest pitching staff that I have had in my 12 seasons as a college head coach."

In addition to their upcoming scrimmages, the Bisons will play the Black and Gold World Series Oct. 19-21. Current players will divide into two teams and play Friday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. In conjunction with the Black and Gold World Series they will have an alumni game Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

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Bison tennis player a rising star

by TRACY MARÉ
student writer

In the spring of 2012, sophomore Mark Singnil, a student from Thailand, set foot in the United States of America for the first time.

While some people travel to the United States to visit friends and family or to view the many different landmarks found here, Singnil came with a specific purpose in mind: playing tennis for Harding University.

At the age of eight, Singnil began playing tennis in Thailand. His parents, both tennis players themselves, would bring him to the courts every day while he was growing up.

One day, he decided to give it a try.

His dad was his coach and worked with him for several hours every day to teach him how to

play and help him become better and stronger.

"Since the first time I played tennis, I knew that I really loved it," Singnil said. "Now, tennis is one of the most important parts of my life. If I don't play, I feel that something is missing."

Coming to Harding was a completely new adventure for Singnil. The transition from Thai culture was not an easy one, but Singnil credits his coach and teammates for helping him through this tough time.

"I feel like we are a family," Singnil said. "We play tennis and travel together, and even if I need help with classes, my teammates are always willing to help me understand. Without them, I would not be so happy or have as much fun as I do now."

After compiling a 12-1 singles record and 10-4 doubles record with partner sophomore Jon Mark

Rowden throughout the 2012 season, Singnil was awarded the "GAC Freshman of the Year"

award. He also earned "GAC Player of the Year" and was named to the 1st all-GAC team.



photo by ASHEL PARSONS | Student Publications
Bison tennis player sophomore Mark Singnil takes a swing at practice on Sept. 19.

Marco Ruiz, assistant coach for the tennis team at Harding, is glad to have Singnil back for another year.

"Mark is one of the most talented tennis players Harding has ever seen," Ruiz said. "He is very hard working and a great team leader. He's ready for this year and ready to lead the team to another great season."

While he remains focused on the college seasons ahead of him, Singnil does have a goal and a dream that he is working toward. His ultimate goal is to become a professional tennis player.

Although this is a challenge for even the toughest players, Singnil said he is working hard to improve his playing and fitness every day.

Men's tennis has their next match on Oct. 3 at University of the Ozarks. The Bisons record is currently 0-1.

Married Harding coaches balance work, play, family

by HAZEL HALLIBURTON
copy editor

Head Men's Basketball Coach Jeff Morgan and Head Women's Golf Coach Christy Morgan are not your typical coaches.

Having been married 19 years and being the parents of three children between the ages of five and twelve, Jeff and Christy Morgan keep a rather hectic schedule.

Between golf season and basketball, the Morgans have learned to balance their lives of golf tournaments, basketball off-season practice and recruiting all while juggling the everyday responsibilities of maintaining a family.

"We really try to be intentional about catching up and spending time together when she (Christy) returns from a week where she has been gone for three days," Jeff Morgan said.

According to Jeff Morgan, his schedule is a little better now since basketball season has not officially started, but he still stays busy with practices and recruiting.

"The month of September and the first couple of weeks in October is a big recruiting time for us in men's basketball," Jeff Morgan said. "I enjoy getting out to meet the parents, recruits and watch practices, but I have to be very conscious of Christy's schedule and do those things when she is going to be in town. Our own children will also never have perfect attendance at school because they will regularly travel with us to games or recruiting when possible. Makes for some fun times with your kids."

Christy Morgan said they have to take turns parenting.

I just realized again that we have some of the best students in the world.

- Christy Morgan, Lady Bisons golf coach

"Well, right now I'm in season, and he's out," said Christy Morgan. "And I'm traveling and he's not. We sub in and sub out."

Coach Christy Morgan is right in the middle of golf season, which she said is mostly an individual sport. Many of the girls practice on their own, but she still has to be available to them and work with them individually and their specific practice needs.

Although Jeff Morgan has been coaching basketball for Harding University for 25 years, this is Christy Morgan's first year to coach women's golf.

"This summer we went to HUF half the semester and we thoroughly enjoyed our students," Christy Morgan said. "I just realized again that we have some of the best students in the world and I kept thinking 'Man, I can't wait to get back' and have my five girls that I get to be in relationship with and be part of their lives. I'm not really doing it for any other reason, it's not pay, it's not the glamour of the job or anything like that. I do it because it's an opportunity to have relationships with people who are on the cusps of being the church. They're about to be out in the world and starting their lives."

According to both coaches, though it has been busy and somewhat chaotic, their new schedule has been rewarding.

Time to revise the BCS

Christopher Bishop

Guest space



Over the years we have seen the BCS system play into the advantage of the South Eastern Conference and be pretty unfair to the rest of the conferences.

Wouldn't it be nice to have a play off system and see a team actually prove themselves? To go to the championship by going through teams from different conferences when they are playing the best football they have been playing all year?

It would give a chance to every team that is either undefeated or has one or two losses to prove themselves to other good teams.

There are many in the southern states of the U.S. that believe the SEC is the best conference ever and that there is no doubt that they could beat any team from any other conference. I find it hard to buy because I believe that there are teams at the end of every year that deserve some kind of chance to prove that they are better.

I am not saying that the

SEC is not a good conference but I am saying the BCS is not favorable at all to other teams from different conferences.

I will only buy that the SEC is the best conference if they win through a play-off and beat other teams from different conferences consistently.

College basketball is admired by people because it forces the teams that are considered great to prove themselves that they really are great and if basketball had a BCS-like system then you wouldn't see any of that.

It is a relief to me that a playoff system is being formed because I do not believe an SEC team will win all the time and other teams will show how good they really are and prove that a conference like the PAC-12 can compete just as well.

I just get really tired of arguing with people about who should be in the championship game when it could all be settled and proven if teams had to go through other teams from different conferences to prove that they are the best team in the nation.

The ranking system of the BCS is also flawed, as we have seen in years past when a PAC-12 team like

Stanford with one loss to number ten Oregon is ranked behind ACC team Virginia Tech whose only loss was to number seventeen Clemson. How does that work especially when Virginia Tech only beat Duke by four points while Stanford beat them by 30?

The BCS is extremely confusing and I don't understand how things like that happen.

The BCS's flaw is that it doesn't give a legitimate chance to let teams like Boise State, TCU or any team that gets really hot at the end of the year like the Southern California Trojans, who always play their best football at the end of the year and have a great record against the SEC (4-0 recent ten years and 22-11-1 all-time), be able to prove to the nation that they are the best team.

If the BCS is replaced with a playoff system, I think many people surprised at who will win it all.

With a playoff system, there will be no more arguing over a flawed BCS and who should be in the championship game.

Teams will just have to earn their way to the championship game by beating the best teams in the nation.

LOCKER TALK

Our Athletes' Views on Pop Culture

questions

What is your favorite season and why?

What cartoon character would you be?

What would your Smurf name be?

When you were 6, what did you want to be?

What song best describes your life?

Becca Godman
(Golf)



Fall! Sweaters. Football. Changing Leaves. What more could you need?

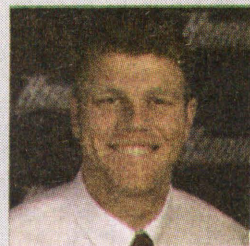
Daphne Blake

I would be Painter Smurf.

An artist

"This is the Stuff" by Francesca Battistelli

Jeremy Bohnett
(Baseball)



Late Spring/Early Summer. I like to call it Sprummer.

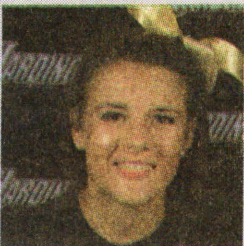
The giant blue alien from Space Jam because we already look alike.

Smurphy Lee

UPS driver

"Bad to the Bone" by George Thorogood

Larkin Hatcher
(Soccer)



Fall, because soccer starts and the weather is beautiful!

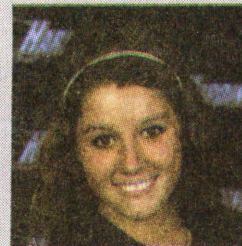
Minnie Mouse

Clumsy

I wanted to be a vet, I love animals.

Brown Eyed Girl!

Gabrielle Rowden
(Tennis)



I can't decide between paprika and basil. They season things very well.

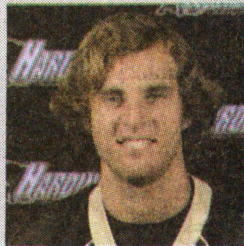
Belle. She's a beautiful princess who is not single.

Michael Jackson. Because then I could make myself white.

A ballerina. Duh. What girl didn't?

"Set the World on fire" Britt Nicole

Casey Caton
(Football)



Winter, because it's a time for warm fires and refreshing cold air.

I would be He-Man because he has the power.

Smurf? It might be Casey Smurf

I wanted to be an animorph

"Take a Chance On Me" by Abba

Cyclist finds home at Harding

by LEXI STUTZMAN
news editor

When 19-year-old Jude Cundiff arrived in Searcy on his bike two weekends ago, he was just looking for a safe place to camp for the night, as he had many times during his nine-month bicycle journey from Los Angeles, Calif.

What he was not expecting was to spend the next three days living in a dorm room, eating in the cafeteria, attending chapel and going through the other basic routines of a student at Harding University.

Cundiff said he was just going to get some coffee at Midnight Oil when junior Soffia Metzler overheard him telling the barista he was traveling across the country on his bike.

Metzler said she heard Cundiff say he was from Los Angeles, so being from San Francisco, she struck up a conversation that eventually led to her offering him a place to stay on campus.

"I figured if I were on the road, I wouldn't just want to go to a coffee shop," Metzler said. "He mentioned something about camping in Berry Hill Park, which he'd seen on a map, and I thought 'If I have the resources to help you, I'm not

gonna let you.' If I were here and met some random person I would want them to take me in too."

Metzler said she decided to ask senior Marcos Tolentino to house Cundiff in his dorm room for the night. Tolentino said he was originally hesitant, but agreed to take him in anyway.

"I walked into the lobby of Grad and here comes Soffia with Jude and he's bringing in this huge bicycle with a bunch of license plates, bags, tires ... it was 110 pounds," Tolentino said. "He had his helmet and bicycle jersey on and a scruffy beard. I thought he was in his 30s or 40s but then I found out he was 19."

The next day, Cundiff went to chapel and a business class with Tolentino. Tolentino then introduced him to Assistant Professor of Bible Andrew Baker and later that afternoon the two of them took Cundiff to Bike City to get his bike repaired.

Cundiff said he began his journey after being hit by a bus in November while riding his bike in Los Angeles. Cundiff said the near-death experience opened his eyes to the fact that no matter what plans he had made, there would always be other plans made for him. Cundiff said he then decided he needed to go follow



photo courtesy of MARCOS TOLENTINO

Senior Marcos Tolentino (LEFT) and sophomore Jake Tansey (RIGHT) opened their suite to cross-country cyclist Jude Cundiff (CENTER) Sept. 13-16. Cundiff began his journey of nine months in Los Angeles, Calif.

his dreams.

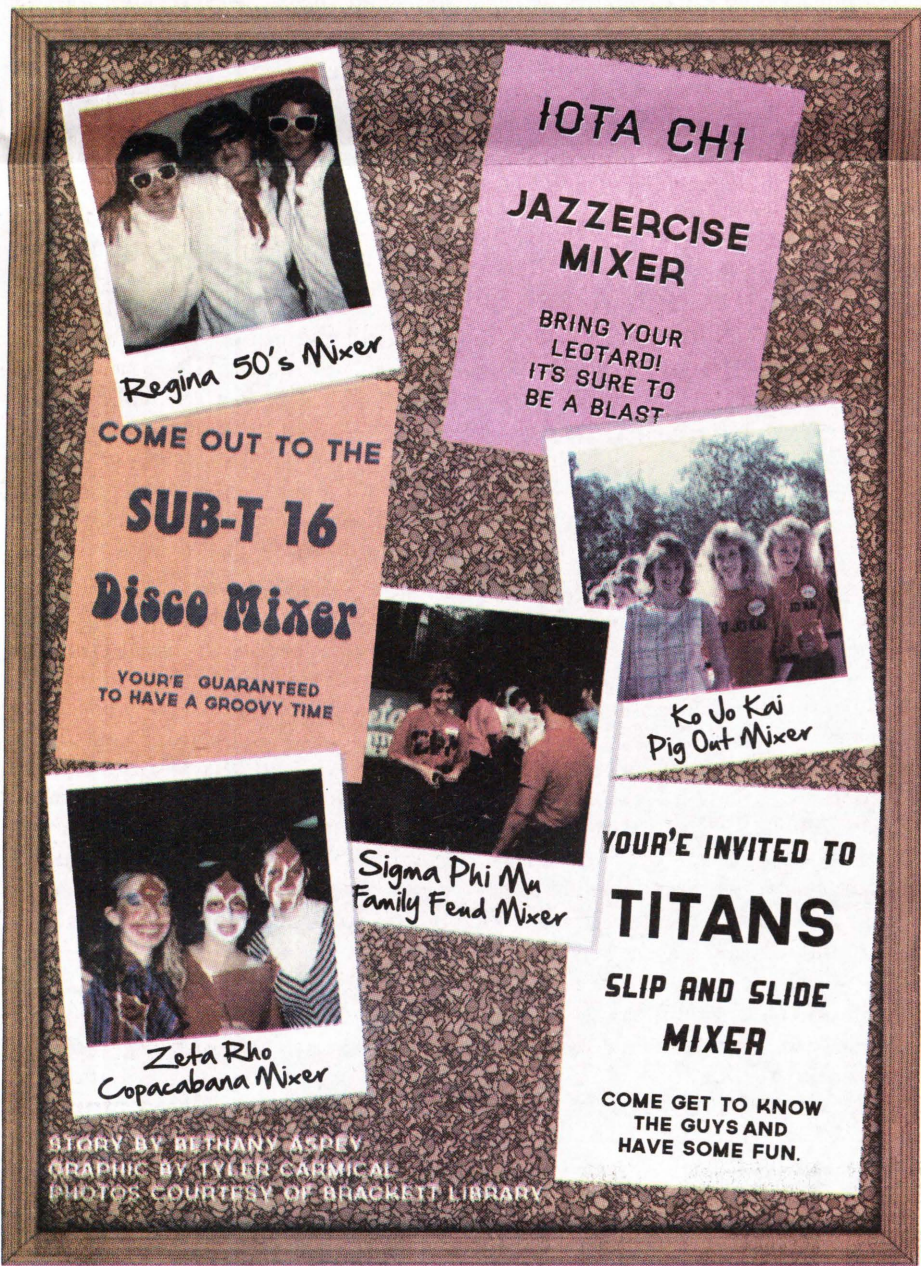
As for his experience at Harding, Cundiff said he was impressed by the kindness he received.

"Every place is different and unique in its own way and I enjoy them all the same," Cundiff said. "But Harding was

definitely one of the better places I've been to. It was reinforcement to the lesson that kindness exists everywhere. You may be in a place that doesn't seem the best but sometimes you can still end up finding something that really tops your expectations."

Faculty flashback:

Harding faculty and staff members shared with us some of their favorite club mixer themes and photos from the past 40 years. Tweet to @HUStudentPubs #mixers to share your favorite themes and photos with us.



Long-term missionaries return home, share tales

by CHANEY MITCHELL
asst. photographer

In 1982 a team comprised of four Harding couples decided to settle with the Kalenjin people of eastern Kenya. Thirty years later three couples from that group returned to Harding to teach and share their experiences with others seeking to accomplish the same type of work, creating a legacy of eastern African missionaries.

The original team was comprised of Monte and Beth Cox, Amos and Anne Allen, Steve and Donna Jo Meeks and Oneal and Betsy Tankersley. While the original group lived with the Kalenjin people, two more couples joined the group; Steven and Claudia Greek and Kevin and Susan Kehl. Four members out of the group became part of Harding faculty: Dr. Monte Cox, dean of the College of Bible and Ministry, Oneal Tankersley, director of Harding University Tahkodah, Kevin Kehl, assistant professor of Bible and Susan Kehl, assistant professor of Nursing.

"Africa, it's Africa that brought the team together," Cox said.

Gailyn Vanrheenen, a professor of missions visiting from 1977 to 1978, influenced the original team to work with the Kalenjin people by discussing his work with the Kipsigis, the largest dialect of the Kalenjin people. According to Cox, the talk of the Kipsigis by Vanrheenen was endless, and he never expected to go to that region.

A group leaving for Mbulu, Tanzania, this January to be with the Iraqw people and restart a church-planting ministry that began in 1990 sought the guidance of this veteran team.

"There are a lot of things of 'how to's' and there are a lot of things that are not really conventional, and sometimes when people think of teams they think 'OK, here are the steps you take and here is what the Eldoret team did,'" Kehl said. "Well, if we kind of look in there and see what the Eldoret team did, it's more like what God did with the Eldoret team."

To encourage future students to go to the missions fields, the two teams are speaking at the Global Missions Experience, Sept. 27-30. The group is using a mock interview set-up, having the Mbulu team ask questions to the Kalenjin team about such things as formation, meeting, choosing a site, what the group learned about the Kingdom while in the field and having to work together. They are hoping to create more additions to the legacy of the Kalenjin team.

"We are just common people who were allowed to do uncommon things," Tankersley said.

The original team has influenced more than just the Mbulu team. A team traveled to the Makonde tribe in southeastern Tanzania that was formed by two of the children of the original 1982 team, as well as one who was born in Kenya at the same time, that traveled to the Makonde tribe in southeastern Tanzania. That team is still thriving in the region and will be in touch with Mbulu team from time to time forming a net of connection.

tweet of the week



Craig
@cactus_cup

If you hit a tree in your hybrid does that cancel out the fact that you bought a hybrid?

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Chinese SA hosts traditional Moon Festival

by MATT RYAN
features editor

Members of the Chinese Student Association will host a Chinese Moon Festival on the front lawn Oct. 11 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission will be five dollars for an evening of homemade Chinese food, traditional games with prizes and a brief Moon Festival performance.

In China, the Moon Festival is also known as the Mid-Autumn Festival or the Mooncake Festival, named after a sweet holiday dessert cake that is meant to represent the moon. The Festival is celebrated on the 15th day of the eighth month on the Chinese lunar calendar, which lands on Sept. 30 this year.

Junior Rick Jane of Guilin, China, said that according to ancient Chinese research, the moon comes closest to the earth each year during this time, making it appear brighter and more round. The roundness of the moon, Jane said, symbolizes the unity of Chinese families as they return to their homes from across the nation to enjoy mooncakes, to watch a televised Moon Festival performance and to have a meal with family during the festival.

"The Moon Festival is also called a reunion," Jane said. "In China, we have to sit together with our family every Moon Festival to have dinner. Everyone thinks the Moon Festival is to enjoy the moon; no. The real meaning of the Moon Festival is gathering,

reunion and to be a family."

Last year, about 200 students attended the Chinese Student Association's version of the Moon Festival, which was held in the cafeteria and was catered by Aramark.

Jane said that although there was a decent turnout last year, he is glad the venue and activities are changing this year.

"I thought it was a little bit boring and lots of people left," Jane said. "So this time we changed it a lot. Last year we used food in the caf, but this year we will prepare the food ourselves and we have a big change with having the games, not just the performance. We will have a lot of prizes for everyone who can win the games; it will be more fun this way."

Hao Xing, a junior from Guangdong, China, said the Moon Festival on campus will be a good way for Americans to get to know more Chinese students and to have questions about China answered. Xing said it is especially important for Americans to understand Chinese culture as more and more are looking to find jobs in China. "Sometimes, I think Americans don't know much about Chinese and think China is like North Korea; secret," Xing said. "So we want to change the Chinese impression in Americans' minds. Many Americans will ask us questions about China, so through the Moon Festival they can know more."

Likewise, junior Wei Zheng of Guangzhou, China, said the Moon Festival will help Chinese

students and American students become friends and learn how to communicate with one another more effectively.

"If we want to be good friends, I think we need to know each other's culture," Zheng said. "I think to understand each other's culture is the foundation of the friendship with everyone. Just like Texas; some of my American friends said Texas is like its own country, and just like you should know each other even though (northern) and (southern) America is a little bit different, Chinese culture is also like that. So with the Moon Festival, I think we can show Chinese culture, and our American friends can understand why sometimes we have some differences."

THE TEMPERATURE IS DROPPING, THE LEAVES ARE CHANGING COLORS AND SEPTEMBER IS COMING TO AN END. FALL MARKS THE START OF MANY FESTIVALS AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.



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STORY BY JESS BOYD GRAPHIC BY TYLER CARMICAL

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‘2016: Obama’s America’ takes controversial stance

by MIKE BIRCHMORE
guest writer

I must profess that I was unsure of what to expect from the “2016: Obama’s America” movie. I had heard that it was “disturbing, but deceitful” from the political left and “sadly, frighteningly true” from the right. But now I have seen it for myself and can hopefully help you determine what to expect from this film if you plan on seeing it.

“2016: Obama’s America” is a documentary created by Dinesh D’Souza. D’Souza formerly served as a political analyst in the White House under the Reagan administration.

D’Souza’s experience with Reagan is what prompted him to draw comparisons between what he considers to be two very different Americas. In his documentary, D’Souza begins by comparing his life to Barack Obama’s life. And indeed, there is a lot to compare. President Obama and D’Souza were born in the same year, graduated in the same year and married their wives in the same year. Both attended Ivy League schools and both have multi-cultural backgrounds (D’Souza is an Indian-American immigrant), but, D’Souza said, despite all of their similarities, they seem to view America in two very different ways. The question is ... why?

D’Souza talks about his perspective of America, its greatness

and its moral superiority. He bases his documentary around these questions: Why doesn’t Obama see it the same way? Then, if he does, why doesn’t he act like it? D’Souza delves into Obama’s past to discover the answers to these questions.

Go see the movie. Research what you hear and see. Be informed and educate yourself. It truly is a gift that we have the opportunity to do so.

The film leads viewers into an examination of the life of Obama’s biological father, Barack Obama Sr. We see glimpses of his past, his life, his relationships and his world views. D’Souza puts all these pieces together and gives his diagnosis: anti-American and anti-colonial. To discover any impacts that Obama Sr. may have had on his son, D’Souza studies the president’s autobiography, “Dreams from My Father.” D’Souza also obtains the opinion of psychologist Paul Vitz, who said that the version of his father the president knew was in fact a fictional character. This would have caused a dramatic impact on Obama’s life if he were to have found out the real identity of his father, which he did during a visit to Kenya after Obama Sr.’s death.

D’Souza also researched other vocal anti-American friends with whom the president has

remained close throughout his life. Among them, Frank Marshall Davis (Communist Party USA member 47544), William Charles Ayers and Jeremiah Wright.

After D’Souza investigated President Obama’s past, he predicted what the future will look like if Obama is re-elected. He believes that America will reduce its nuclear weapon inventory by thousands of missiles down to only 300. D’Souza believes the Middle East will become united under one radical Islam regime, possessing thousands of nukes. America’s economy will experience a collapse akin to Greece.

Finally, America will be so in debt that it will be virtually incapable of doing anything as a free enterprise system. Not a pretty picture. But being the delightful, pleasant, charming, unbiased writer that I am, I feel it incumbent upon me to state that this is the prediction of one man. See for yourself if D’Souza is worth listening to or not. Go see the movie. Research what you hear and see. Be informed and educate yourself. It truly is a gift that we have the opportunity to do so.

The Declaration of Independence states “governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.” May the God of heaven and earth be with us always.

student-submitted poetry
‘Dangerously Civil’

by Haley Rogers,
guest writer

Dangerously civil,
We both have come to be,
A touch of life’s relentless charm
Gave birth to apathy

The stillness of the night,
Reflects our frozen heat,
Our honeymoon was summertime,
Our marriage, fallen sleet

Now in the loom of failure,
I cried to God, “Oh please ...”
“Don’t let me down, don’t let me fail”
The ground beneath my knees

And in his mind, he sleeps alone
With me still in the bed,
I’m holding in a weary moan,
Affection in my head

But does he see my misery?
Within my deep blue eyes?
I thought we knew as much to where
We’d hear each other’s cries

But apathy has taken hold
Of sanctity, it’s plain,
It’s ringed the neck of holy love,
The baneful takes the reign

This stoic bond, it has no end,
But God says to “Try harder,”
“You wish that you could just
trade lives,”
“But marriage isn’t barter”

“I know, I know” I say to Him,
“But who’s this you’ve provided?”
“He does not love me anymore,”
“This household is divided”

A regal voice had filled the room,
I wonder if he heard,
That God just spoke to both of us,
I quickly grabbed The Word

Midnight passed, my eyes on God,
I felt His eyes on me,
O, the ways He shows Himself,
Aesthetic deity

How dare I lose my sight of Him?
I’m all hypocrisy,
I need to practice what I preach,
And not passivity

“Oh Lord, I ask you, please forgive,
I cannot comprehend,
How long you’ve dealt with some-
one who’s
Affectionately thin,”

I saw his eyes blink open,
He saw me out of bed,
He saw the blue within my eyes,
The woman that he wed

Suddenly, I felt a kiss,
From God it had to be,
My husband’s lips would never miss
That devil apathy

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